

Computer Policy Error

In this post, I will show you how to fix below error when you try to run gpupdate /force command.

The screenshot shows the Windows Event Viewer interface. The left pane shows the tree view with 'Administrative Events' selected. The main pane displays a list of events. The event with ID 1096 is highlighted, showing a red error icon. The details pane for this event shows the following information:

Level	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Warning	09-Sep-2019 10:44:04 AM	Group Policy Drive Maps	4098	(2)
Error	09-Sep-2019 10:44:00 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None
Error	09-Sep-2019 10:11:53 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None
Warning	09-Sep-2019 9:33:37 AM	Group Policy Drive Maps	4098	(2)
Error	09-Sep-2019 9:28:53 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None
Error	09-Sep-2019 8:45:52 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None
Error	09-Sep-2019 8:02:52 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None
Error	09-Sep-2019 7:39:48 AM	ESENT	455	Logging/Recovery
Warning	09-Sep-2019 7:38:35 AM	Group Policy Drive Maps	4098	(2)
Warning	09-Sep-2019 7:32:59 AM	Group Policy Drive Maps	4098	(2)
Error	09-Sep-2019 7:32:54 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None
Error	09-Sep-2019 7:19:52 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None
Error	09-Sep-2019 6:36:53 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None
Error	09-Sep-2019 6:06:30 AM	ESENT	455	Logging/Recovery
Error	09-Sep-2019 5:53:52 AM	GroupPolicy (Microsoft-...	1096	None

Event 1096, GroupPolicy (Microsoft-Windows-GroupPolicy)

General Details

The processing of Group Policy failed. Windows could not apply the registry-based policy settings for the Group Policy object LocalGPO. Group Policy settings will not be resolved until this event is resolved. View the event details for more information on the file name and path that caused the failure.

Log Name: System
Source: GroupPolicy (Microsoft-Win Logged: 09-Sep-2019 10:11:53 AM
Event ID: 1096 Task Category: None

Above machine was not able to update computer policy. I tried restarting the system and ran gpresult report as well. The report indicated below error

The screenshot shows a Group Policy Results report for user RAMLAN\ram. The report was collected on 09-Sep-2019 7:33:55 AM. The summary section shows a warning icon and the message: "During last user policy refresh on 09-Sep-2019 7:33:00 AM. A fast link was detected. More information...". The report is divided into several sections:

- Summary**: No data available.
- Computer Details**: No data available.
- User Details**:
 - General**:
 - User name: RAMLAN\ram
 - Domain: RAMLAN.CA
 - Organizational Unit: RAMLAN.CA/Lab/Users
 - Security Group Membership: show
- Component Status**:

Component Name	Status	Time Taken	Last Process Time	Event Log
Group Policy Infrastructure	Success		09-Sep-2019 7:33:00 AM	
ConfigMgr User State Management Extension	Success		09-Sep-2019 7:32:58 AM	
Deployed Printer Connections	Success		09-Sep-2019 7:32:59 AM	
Group Policy Drive Maps	Success		09-Sep-2019 7:32:59 AM	
Group Policy Files	Success		09-Sep-2019 7:32:59 AM	
Group Policy Regional Options	Success		09-Sep-2019 7:33:00 AM	
Registry	Success		09-Sep-2019 7:32:58 AM	
- Settings**: No data available.

So, started to look for a fix through google. The solution is as follows..

Go to C:\Windows\System32\GroupPolicy\Machine and rename Registry.pol to Registry.bak

Local Disk (C:) > Windows > System32 > GroupPolicy > Machine

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Name	Date modified	Type	Size
Scripts	04-Jan-2019 11:24 AM	File folder	
Registry.bak	15-Aug-2019 10:32 AM	BAK File	6 KB
Registry.pol	09-Sep-2019 10:57 AM	POL File	1 KB

After that run gpupdate /force

The computer policy should update successfully.

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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.295]
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C:\Users\ram>gpupdate /force
Updating policy...

Computer Policy update has completed successfully.
User Policy update has completed successfully.
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Thanks!

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